



Jessie Younghusband School



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Wednesday 6th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been fantastic to see the children come back to school with such enthusiasm and with lots to tell us about their holidays. The start of term has been very settled and the children have moved to their new year groups with confidence which is a real credit to the work the teachers have done to help reassure them and settle them in. There is always the possibility that concerns or questions may arise and, if this is the case, please speak to your child's teacher who will be keen to resolve any concerns that arise quickly.

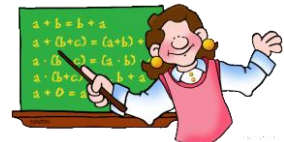
We will be holding our usual 'meet the teacher' sessions next week for Years 1 to 6 and details of these should already have come to you but the dates and times are listed below in case you need to double check. If you are not able to attend, the teacher will make their presentation notes available to you. They will send out details of how to access these.

We will also be sending out the curriculum 'jigsaws' and newsletters in the next few days. This year, to avoid unnecessary use of paper, these will be sent electronically and as well as being available on the website. If you are not able to access them this way and need a paper copy please speak to a member of the office team.

We are all looking forward to a very exciting year and I hope to see you all at our future school events details of which will be set out in our regular newsletters and the dates list attached.

Mrs Sadler

'Meet the teacher' sessions – Years 1 to 6.



We will be offering an opportunity to meet your child's teacher next week. These are arranged over the course of three different dates so please check for your child's year group. The meetings will take place in the classrooms and the teachers will give you a brief explanation of arrangements in their class and other information you may find useful. In addition to these meetings, you will receive the curriculum jigsaws and newsletters which set this information out for you. We are aware that some parents will be working or have other commitments so this year we will also make the teacher's powerpoint notes available to you electronically. The teacher will pass on details but this will probably be through the VLE. Passwords etc are the same as last year.

Year 1 and 2 – Monday 11th September 2.45 – 3.05

Year 3 and 4 – Wednesday 13th September 2.45 – 3.05

Year 5 and 6 – Thursday 14th September 2.45 – 3.05.

Clubs

We are already getting your club requests in. Please note that Miss Hendriksen's club is unfortunately not now able to run. We are sorry for any disappointment this may cause. Anyone who has signed up for that already will be contacted by the office. Just a little reminder as well that some of the sports clubs are being run and co-ordinated by Pompey FC and anyone wanting to

take part in those clubs needs to register directly with Pompey. Further details of these are available at the office.

Annual Report Questionnaires – July 2017 - feedback

Thank you for the great response we had to the questionnaires in your child's annual reports. Your feedback is always very important and we do look carefully at your comments. It was wonderful to see so many very positive comments about your child's experience here at JYS over the past year. There were also some useful ideas and views expressed about things we can improve or adjust. These are summarised below. Please feel free to speak to me if you would like to develop these points any further.



Golden Ticket system –some people said they did not feel this was fair as there was only one winner even though lots of children got tickets – we have also been considering this system. It was first suggested by the School Council and was a very good way of establishing our school values last year. We have decided not to run it this year and are working on a different way of recognising children's effort and successes. We want to consult with the School Council before deciding how this will work. Further details will follow once these are agreed.

Some parents felt they would like more regular up-dates on their child's progress – the formal system set out in the government's expectations for schools is that we formally provide information to parents three times a year and that one of these should be in writing (the Annual Report). If you are concerned or would like to discuss your child's progress at any other times please arrange a meeting with their teacher. They will be happy to discuss this with you. There will also be opportunities to drop in to look at your child's books at other times during the year.

Requests for more sports competitions in school – Mr Neaves is already organising this through our partnership with Bishop Luffa and the other Chichester Locality schools are planning more inter-school competitions during this year. We are also looking at the possibility of competitive team competitions between year groups. Further details will come out as they are available.



Some children wanted to have more opportunities to share their views and ideas about school – we have always aimed to ask children through School Council but have plans to develop this more during this year. We will be sharing with you our development priorities for 2017/18 as soon as these are formally agreed by the governors.

Sports Day – we had already had some feedback about Sports Day and will be running this in a different format next time. We have not decided exactly how this will work and will ask the children for their ideas as well as discussing possible arrangements with staff. We will set the date early in the spring so you can put it in your diary.

An online calendar for easy reference – we do add school events to the website calendar and also share all of our dates through the newsletter which is added to the website. Any other class specific details may also be added to the VLE. We do not have the means of creating any other calendars with restricted access. We do our very best to make sure communications come out in good time but if you have any thoughts or suggestions about this you are welcome to let us know or to put your idea in the 'Friends' suggestions box which is in the office reception area.

Autumn Term Dates 2017

Date	Event
Monday 4th September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5 th September	Term Starts
w/c 11 th September	'Meet the teacher' meetings – 2.45pm. Years 1 – 6. Dates tbc
Tuesday 12 th September	Karate starts
Wednesday 13 th September	RnB starts (Year 5 & 6)
Friday 15 th September	RnB starts (Year 2, 3 & 4)
Friday 15 th September	Year 4 Paul Ullson – 'Stone Age'
w/c 18 th September	School led clubs to start
Tuesday 19 th September	Full Governors Meeting – 5.15pm
Weds 27 th - Fri 29 th Sep	Year 5 Camp
Friday 29 th September	Year 5 – Paul Ullson 'Roman Walk'
Thursday 5 th October	Governors Meeting – PLT – 1.15pm
Monday 9 th October	Year 3 – Paul Ullson 'Chichester Walk'
Tuesday 10 th October	Year 4 trip to Butser Ancient Farm
Thursday 12 th October	Governors Meeting – Staffing – 1.30pm
Monday 16 th October	Flu Nasal Vaccinations for Year R, 1, 2, 3 & 4 – 10.30am
Mon 16 th – Weds 18 th October	Year 6 Residential Trip to Bowles
Thursday 19 th October	Production of 'Charlotte's Web' to the whole school (Funded by JYS Friends)
Thursday 19 th October	Halloween Disco for Key Stage 2
w/c Monday 23 rd October	Half Term
Monday 30th October	INSET Day
Tuesday 31 st October	Children return to school
Monday 6 th November	Individual school photos 9.00am
Tuesday 7 th November	Governors Meeting – Resources – 8.30am
Mon 6 th – Fri 10 th November	'Bikeability' for Year 6
Friday 10 th November	Year 4 – Paul Ullson 'Iron Age'
Thursday 23 rd November	Governors Visit - am
Thursday 30 th November	Year 1 – Paul Ullson 'Wiseman'
Friday 1 st December	Non-Uniform Day for Christmas Fair
Tuesday 5 th December	Full Governors Meeting – 5.15pm
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Fair – time tbc
Wednesday 13 th December	Year R and KS1 Christmas Plays – 9.30am & 2pm
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch - Chartwells
Monday 18 th December	KS2 Performance – 6pm
Wednesday 20 th December	End of Term

[Autumn term dates for your diary](#)

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 5th September to Wednesday 20th December
Half Term: w/c Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October
Monday 4th September and Monday 30th October INSET days

Spring Term 2018

Thursday 4th January to Thursday 29th March
Half Term: w/c Monday 12th to Friday 16th February
INSET day(s) to be confirmed

Please note that future term dates are available on the West Sussex Council website
<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-term-dates/>